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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6010

BILL NUMBER: SB 3

NOTE PREPARED: Oct 5, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Campaign Finance Reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Simpson

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires a candidate for a state office to file quarterly campaign finance reports for years in which there is not an election for the state office.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The provision could potentially require the Indiana Election Division to process four times the number of campaign finance reports in non-election years for state offices than under current law. However, in the first state fiscal year of implementation (FY 2006), only three reports would have to be filed under the bill. State offices covered under this requirement include: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General, Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Appellate Court, Judge of the Tax Court, and Clerk of the Supreme Court. This provision should be absorbable within the Election Division's existing budget.

Background: Under current law, campaign committee treasurers are required to file a single campaign finance report in non-election years. Current annual reports must be complete as of December 31 of the previous year and cover the period since the previously filed report.

As of September 2004, the Election Commission had 13 staff positions. Four positions (a systems analyst, an unclassified executive position, a Governor's fellow, and a PAT 1 attorney) were vacant. The other nine positions included one attorney, two field auditors, two unclassified executive positions, two program coordinators, and two administrative personnel.

The Election Commission reverted \$63,947 to the state General Fund at the end of FY 2004. The Election Division was appropriated \$794,571 in FY 2004 and \$725,571 in FY 2005.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *State of Indiana HRM Detail Staffing Report, 12/03/03*; State Budget Agency: *FY2004 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries*, BUDSTARS.

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